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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR)	
REMOTELY MODIFYING)	
SOFTWARE ON A WORK)	
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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

In light of the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) provided in 1273 OG 55 for patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patent documents listed on the 1449 form are not required and therefore are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form and returning it to Applicants' undersigned representative.

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